2/17/72

Dear Harold,

I'm responding to your letter of 2/16 immediately because it really bugs the shit out of me. I am not in the habit of sitting you or dropping subtle hints as you put it.

If you recall, you had just sent me several carbons of letters, in many of which you apologized for the poor quality of the carbons, but that it was all you had. I therefore went into the supply room and grabbed a box of ~~it~~ good carbon paper and mailed it to you. There was no hint, no nit, no nothing implied by it. If you prefer to get insulted by my efforts that's up to you, but you show a pretty poor understanding of me to think that I would send you anything in an effort to ridicule your financial situation.

As far as sending you the Kay piece you told me there was no hurry because someone else was sending it to you. When Ed Williams told me he had sent it to you as well I ~~saw~~ saw no reason to drop everything and put it in the mail post haste.

School is especially hectic this term and I've been very busy. I haven't even had time to finish reading the Esquire piece yet.

I just want to make one thing clear. If I send you something it is because I think you have need of it. If you wish to read it otherwise

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I have a number of things I'd like to address in the letter you wrote me ~~not~~ but work on the Times piece, but I haven't had the time to sit down and go over it carefully. I will this weekend.

Best,

Jerry